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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT ENFORCED PRODUCTION OF
REGULATED AUTOMOBILES

1. FOLLOWING AUDIT OF AUTO PLANTS TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT COMPLIANCE WITH SCHEDULED PRODUCTION OF PRICE-CONTROLLED, NON-LUXURY CLASS AUTOMOBILES, DR. JOSE IGNACIO CASAL ANNOUNCED, APRIL 14TH, THAT ALL PLANTS WERE BELOW DESIGNATED PRODUCTION LEVELS AND FOR THIS REASON, CERTAIN MODELS WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN MARKET. TO REACH PRDTERMINED LEVELS OF PRODUCTION OF REGULATED AUTOS (PRICE-CONTROLLED, MASS MARKET VEHICLES LISTING AT BELOW 30,000 BOLIVARS), THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT HAS ORDERED ASSEMBLY PLANTS TO PRODUCE ONLY REGULATED AUTOS FOR ONE MONTH OR UNTIL PLANTS REACH PRE-DETERMINED LEVELS, BASED ON FIXED PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL YEARLY OUTPUT.

2. DR. JORGE GARCIA DUQUE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, PREDICTS THAT PLANTS WILL REQUIRE SCHEDULES AS FOLLOWS:
A. FORD, CHRYSLER, RENAULT, ONE MONTH OF 100 PERCENT PRODUCTION OF REGULATED VEHICLES.
B. GENERAL MOTORS AND FIAT, THREE WEEKS OF PRODUCTION.
C. TOYOTA AND NISSAN, ONE WEEK OF PRODUCTION.

3. THE COMPANIES LISTED ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT, BEFORE MAY ONE PRODUCTION PROGRAMS FOR THE REGULATED VEHICLES, FOR
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APPROVAL BY THE MINISTRY . FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL CAUSE DENIAL

OF PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF NO-REGULATED
VEHICLES AND THEIR COMPONENTS.
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